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For: PROCESS FOR BINDING **NUCLEIC ACIDS TO CARRIER**  Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Betty J. Forman

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 14, 2003** 

Hon. Commissioner of Patents P.O. BOX 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action dated March 14, 2003, with the period for response extended two months (a check in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed - for a two month extension of time) reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.